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# Criminal Justice Indicators

## NEW YORK STATE CRIME AND JUSTICE TRENDS 1989 - 1993

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### ACQUISITIONS

*This bulletin presents a five year summary of crime, arrest, indictment, conviction, and sentence data describing the fundamental activities of the criminal justice system in New York State. The Division of Criminal Justice Services produces a variety of information on crime and criminal justice processing in New York State. Additional information can be requested from the Bureau of Statistical Services at DCJS, Executive Park Tower, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, New York, 12203.*

## OVERVIEW

### REPORTED CRIMES

The number of serious crimes reported to the police decreased 10.3 percent between 1989 and 1993. Property crimes fell by 11.4 percent, while violent crimes were down 5.1 percent. Both crime categories have experienced declines each year since 1990. Murder was the only index offense to have been at a higher level in 1993 than 1989, but were down 8.4 percent from the record number in 1990.

### ARRESTS

Adult arrests in 1993 were one percent below the level reported in 1992 and eight percent below the record number of arrests in 1989. The rate of decline in arrests for felony offenses during the five-year period was almost triple that for misdemeanor offenses, with the only annual increase reported in 1993 misdemeanor level offenses. Drugs accounted for a decreasing proportion of total arrests.

### FELONY PROSECUTIONS

The proportion of felony arrests that reached the upper court for prosecution as felonies was 11 percent higher in 1993 than in 1989. The number of felony indictments and Superior Court Informations (SCIs) peaked in 1990 and has since steadily fallen each year for a cumulative decline of almost 12 percent. Violent felony indictments/SCIs were two percent higher in 1993 than in 1989, while drug indictments/SCIs declined 20 percent since peaking in 1989.

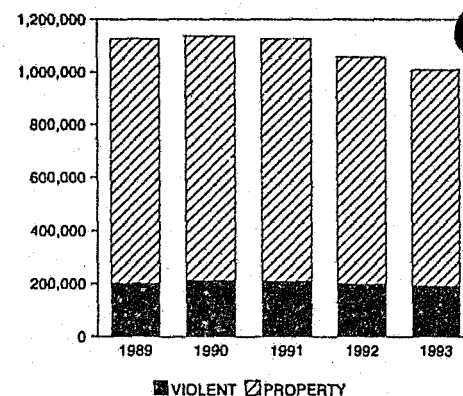
### CONVICTIONS

During the last five years, almost two-thirds of all dispositions were convictions. A slightly higher proportion of convictions were at the felony level in 1993 compared to 1989, contributing to a five percent increase in the number of sentences to State prison. However, sentences to local jail facilities have dropped since peaking in 1989, resulting in an overall growth in alternative sentences.

## REPORTED CRIME

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	% chg 1989-93
Index Total	1,126,143	1,137,689	1,126,503	1,058,586	1,010,577	-10.3
rate per 100,000	6,273.8	6,323.8	6,238.2	5,842.4	5,553.5	-11.5
Violent Total	202,944	211,955	210,064	200,165	192,591	-5.1
rate per 100,000	1,130.6	1,178.2	1,163.3	1,104.7	1,058.4	-6.4
Murder	2,253	2,606	2,557	2,382	2,386	5.9
Forcible Rape	5,223	5,348	5,083	5,126	4,976	-4.7
Robbery	104,001	112,276	112,338	105,633	99,918	-3.9
Agg. Assault	91,467	91,725	90,086	87,024	85,311	-6.7
Property Total	923,199	925,734	916,439	858,421	817,986	-11.4
rate per 100,000	5,143.2	5,145.7	5,075.0	4,737.7	4,495.2	-12.6
Burglary	210,391	207,338	203,956	192,452	181,077	-13.9
Larceny	542,059	531,855	531,159	497,699	485,074	-10.5
M.V. Theft	170,749	186,741	181,324	168,270	151,835	-11.1

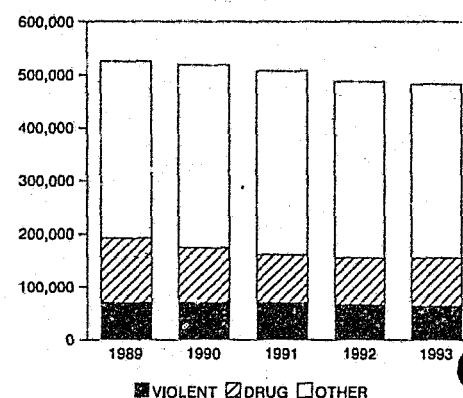
## REPORTED CRIME



## ADULT ARRESTS

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	% chg 1989-93
Total Arrests	525,874	518,400	507,473	487,491	482,710	-8.2
Felony	213,029	209,848	202,092	190,489	184,364	-13.5
Violent	71,153	70,926	70,771	67,229	65,017	-8.6
Drug	62,412	59,096	54,205	51,867	50,705	-18.8
Misdemeanor	312,845	308,552	305,381	297,002	298,346	-4.6
Drug	58,520	43,971	36,513	35,707	39,306	-32.8
DWI	52,985	55,217	51,462	49,082	45,927	-13.3

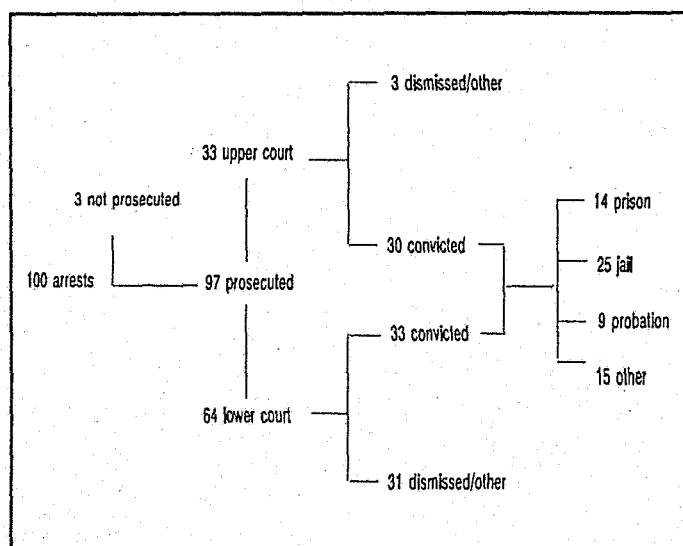
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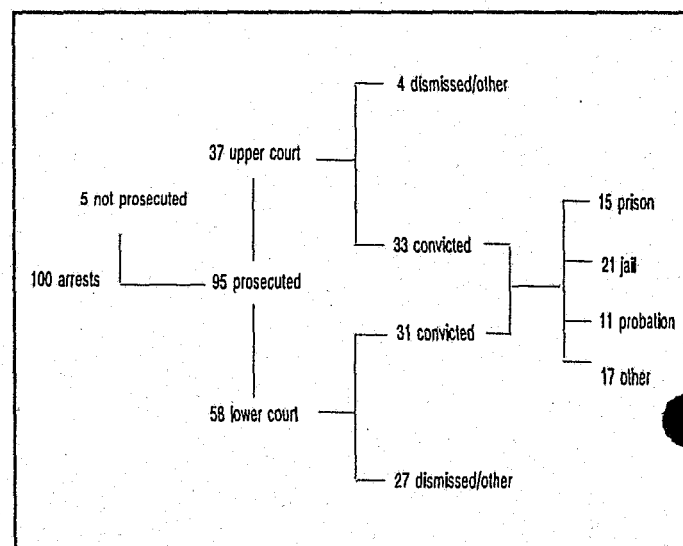
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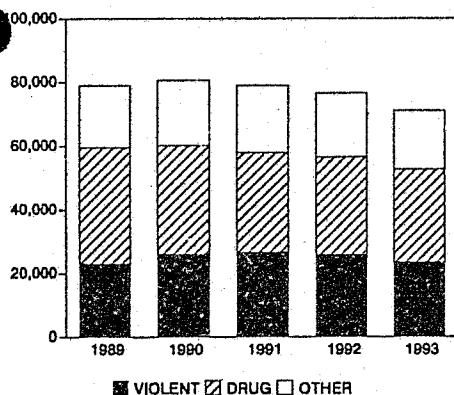
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FELONY PROSECUTIONS



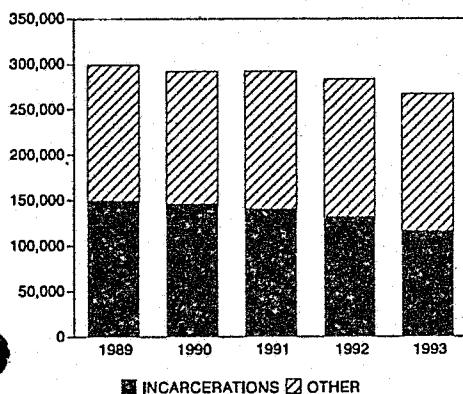
FELONY PROSECUTIONS

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	% chg 1989-93
% Prosec. Upper Courts	32.8	33.2	36.5	37.0	36.5	11.3
Indictments/SCIs	79,109	80,572	78,913	76,519	71,040	-10.2
Violent	23,058	26,063	26,674	25,937	23,494	1.9
Drug	36,548	34,064	31,354	30,640	29,173	-20.2

CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	% chg 1989-93
Total Convictions	298,878	291,842	291,484	283,464	267,101	-10.6
rate (% of disposed)	64.9	64.2	65.0	66.0	66.3	2.2
Lower Court	242,565	233,354	228,899	221,783	209,697	-13.6
rate (% of LC prosec.)	62.6	61.6	62.1	63.7	64.8	3.5
Upper Court	56,313	58,488	62,585	61,681	57,404	1.9
rate (% of UC prosec.)	90.0	90.3	90.1	89.7	89.1	-1.0
Felony	52,192	53,846	57,380	56,134	51,713	-0.9
Misdemeanor	140,705	129,713	124,506	121,338	111,171	-21.0
Lesser Offenses	105,981	108,283	109,598	105,992	104,217	-1.7
Incarcerations	149,446	146,131	140,022	131,626	116,176	-22.3
rate (% of convs.)	50.0	50.1	48.0	46.4	43.5	-13.0
Prison	25,223	26,345	27,607	26,440	26,458	4.9
Jail	111,325	106,867	100,554	93,075	79,784	-28.3
Jail + Probation	12,898	12,919	11,861	12,111	9,934	-23.0
Probation	24,367	25,255	28,082	28,286	25,796	5.9
Fine	67,112	61,633	60,708	57,305	56,927	-15.2
Conditional Discharge	54,256	54,380	58,096	62,634	64,373	18.6
Other-Unknown	3,697	4,443	4,576	3,613	3,829	3.6

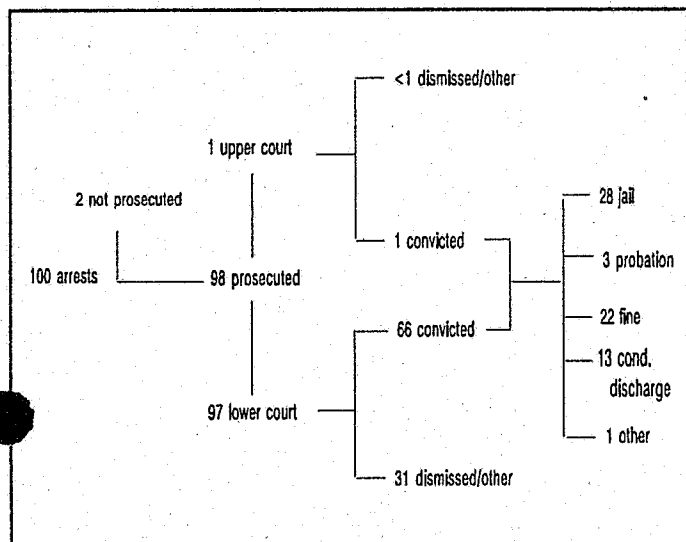
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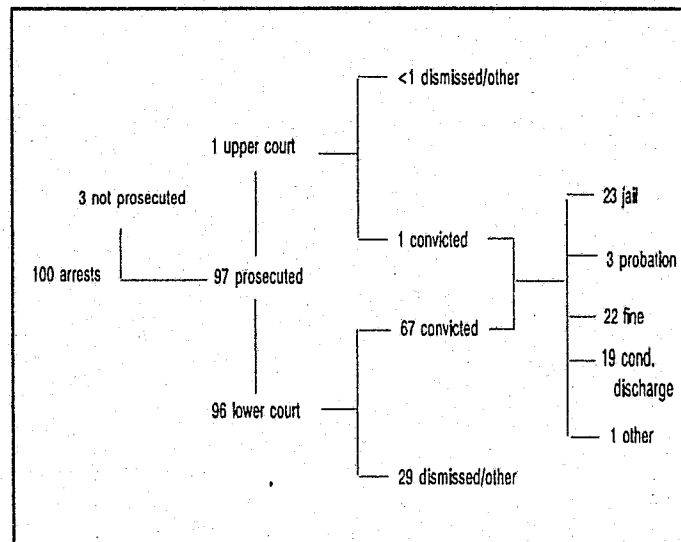
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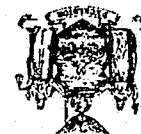
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- » data may differ from previously published figures due to the ongoing submission of information to the data systems;
- » crime, arrest, and indictment data are based on the year of reported crime, arrest, or indictment; conviction/sentence data are based on the year of sentencing;
- » arrest and conviction data pertain to actions against adults (age 16 or older); indictment and superior court information data include actions against both adults and juvenile offenders prosecuted as adults;
- » upper court prosecutions shown for misdemeanor arrests are most often due to post-arrest identification of repeat drunk driving and weapons offenders who are ultimately prosecuted as felons;
- » sentence data are based on an event unit of count; sentences to prison and jail are not comparable to actual admissions;
- » incarcerative sentences include prison, jail, and split sentences of jail plus probation.